

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 5, 1860.

Secession movements, secession speeches, secession meetings are the order of the day in South Carolina. The contention seems to be, amongst the public speakers, who shall be the most ultra. "Fort Moultrie" is a subject of considerable discussion.

MR. JEFFERSON.—“If there be any among us who would wish to dissolve this Union, or to change its republican form, let them stand undisturbed as monuments of the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated, where reason is left free to combat it.”

sess the most distant acquaintance.—*Corr. of N. Y. Times.*

this than that sterner mode of righting wrong, that people less intolerent of oppression have often resorted to for less cause.—*Rich. Whig.*

be worked out. The Southern States, I believe, can preserve not only their rights and domestic safety, but also the peace of the country, if they will stand together. It is time, however, that some movement was made for conference and consultation amongst those States, and I do not see why the Legislature of Virginia may not initiate such a movement at its approaching session. If, however, nothing can be adjusted in the way of amicable adjustment, and if a separation of the States should take place, it will be for the people of Virginia, acting through a Convention and in their sovereign capacity, to determine with which of the two divisions they will unite themselves. Of that choice I do not permit myself to doubt. We have now reached a period when this controversy must be settled. All the great interests of society require it. The business relations of the country are obstructed by it, and if the

There is one thing which I deem of primary importance on our part, and that is to meet promptly and vigorously and endeavor to obtain some concert and unity of purpose and action, by the Southern States. Let Virginia appeal to her sister States on the Gulf to forbear all hasty and precipitate action. They have substantially less interest than the border States have, in the wrongs and evils complained of. It is their interest, it is their duty, to await and see the action of their sister States along the border. It is their duty; nay, honor and good faith require it, that they should stay their perilous course, and meet their sister States in a Convention, and together to devise such means of security for the future, as are consistent with the honor, integrity, and constitutional rights of the whole South.

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